REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Rejection of claims 1-2, 4, and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e):

Claims 1-2, 4, and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schlank et al (US 6,134,017) for reasons of record.

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Response:

The applicant would like to point out the differences between the Schlank patent and the limitations recited in claim 1. The claimed server acts as a network server, and distributes scanner drivers to one or more stations connected to the network. The station

10 contains a browser for allowing the user of the station to browse the network. The user connects to the server to utilize the driver selection system located on the server for selecting a driver. Once selected, the delivery system of the server transfers the selected driver to the station.

15   On the other hand, as shown in Fig.1 and Fig.3, Schlank teaches a computer 10 that is connected to a fax machine 18. Although the computer 10 contains a network interface 43, Schlank does not teach how the computer 10 utilizes this network interface 43 to connect to a network or a network server. In addition, Schlank does not teach a network server for transmitting drivers to the computer 10.

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Furthermore, Schlank does not teach "a browser installed on the computer to enable the user to browse the network", and instead only teaches an operating system for the computer.

25   Schlank also does not teach "a driver selection system" for allowing the user to select a driver on the server or a "delivery system" for transferring the selected driver from the server to the computer.

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Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that Schlank fails to teach all limitations recited in claim 1, and does not anticipate claim 1.

5   Regarding claim 10, Schlank also does not teach that the driver is removed from the computer after the scanning data is saved. Schlank teaches in col.5, lines 18-21 that the driver is loaded from a disk 11, loaded into main memory 50, and executed from the main memory 50. However, Schlank does not teach that the driver is then removed from the computer. Thus, the driver would remain stored on the disk 11, contrary to the claimed

10   limitations of claim 10.

Claims 2-10 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1-10 is respectfully requested.

15   2. Rejection of claims 3 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 3 and 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schlank in view of Matsuyama (US 6,330,068) for reasons of record.

Response:

20   Matsuyama teaches the use of a login account that can be used for storing images on a website. Like Schlank, Matsuyama does not teach transferring device drivers from a network server to a computer through a network. In addition, Matsuyama does not teach saving an image to an email account, as is recited in claim 7.

25   Moreover, claims 3 and 5-8 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 3 and 5-8 is respectfully requested.

3. Introduction to new claim 11:

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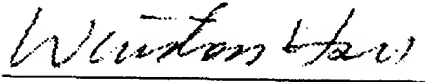Reply to Office action of February 24, 2005

     New claim 11 is drafted to more clearly define the server's network connection, and means of communicating with the station through the network. These limitations are fully supported by the specification and the figures, and no new matter is entered through this new claim. Acceptance of new claim 11 is requested.

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     Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Sincerely yours,

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